

I am very upset to hear that Congress and the FCC are entertaining the idea of limiting XM Satellite Radio's "Instant Traffic & Weather" programming and other locally oriented content. As a voter and an American, I am disgusted that this kind of capitalism-subverting crap actually happens in America. To the politicians who have supported the NAB's petition 04-160 and HR 4026, shame on you! You may have forgotten that America reached its world leadership status thanks to our free market system, but me, and many other voters like me, have not.

If you take away XM's ability to broadcast locally oriented programming, you will take away a valuable service that I feel is superior to anything offered on traditional radio, and a service that I willingly pay for. To prop up an arrogant, out-of-touch industry (traditional radio) that has blithely ignored what its customers wanted by giving it protection from a better alternative would be a disservice to American consumers.

I gladly pay \$10 per month for XM's service because after 30 years of ridiculously poor content, very little variety, and too many commercials, I was fed up. Traditional radio could have saved itself from becoming obsolete by simply giving their customers what they wanted! Darwin's law of survival of the fittest is in play here, and I strongly object to ANY intervention that would artificially shield traditional radio operators from what they deserve - their customers abandoning them for a superior product.

I strongly urge our representatives in Congress and our servants in the FCC to do what is right for Americans ? not what the lobbyists for the radio operators are asking them to do. HR 4026 is un-American! Let us (the American consumers) choose what the best option is!